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Applicant's or agent's file reference BTECH,001-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/GB 03/04013	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17.09.2003	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18.09.2002
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC F16M11/14		
Applicant B-TECH INTERNATIONAL LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

I ☒ Basis of the opinion

II ☐ Priority

III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention

V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

VI ☐ Certain documents cited

VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application

VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-5 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-20 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	11
	No: Claims	1-10,14-16,18,19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	11
	No: Claims	1-10,14-16,18,19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-20
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following documents (D1 and D2):

D1: US-A-4 730 818 (PRICE DOUGLAS A) 15 March 1988 (1988-03-15)

D2: US-A-4 036 459 (ALEXANDER MERWIN K ET AL) 19 July 1977 (1977-07-19)

2. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of independent claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

3. The document D1 (column 3, line 38 to column 6, line 20; figures 1 to 5) discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a bracket (10) comprising a plate (12) (which can also be attached to a wall), the plate having a pair of raised flanges (31, 33), a bracket base (20) for engaging the flanges and being held to the plate; and a bracket mount (42) for attaching a loudspeaker or any other piece; there being a ball and socket arrangement (38) between the bracket base and the bracket mount whereby the bracket may be locked (through 70) to the bracket base in a variety of configurations.

The document D2 (column 2, line 65 to column 4, line 43 and figures 1 to 7) discloses also the subject-matter of claim 1.

3. Dependent claims 2 to 10, 14 to 16, 18 and 19 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer to, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, see documents D1 and D2 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

4. The combination of the features of dependent claim 11 is neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art.

5. The claimed invention appears to be industrially applicable (Article 33(4) PCT).